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FROM USLOK

E.O. 11652: N/A TAGS: MASS, KU

SUBJ: GOK PURCHASE OF M113A1 SERIES VEHICLES

REF: (A) DA (DTG 181330Z JAN 77), (B) KUWAIT 0218 (DTG 121210Z JAN 77).

- 1. REFTEL A REQUESTED CONFIRMATION THAT TRAINING TO SUPPORT EARLY DELIVERY OF M113A1 VEHICLES (REFTEL B) WILL BE PROVIDED BY CONTRACTOR (FMC).
- 2. FMC CONTRACT PROVIDES FOR BOTH OPERATIONS AND MAINTENANCE TRAINING (1-4 ECHELONS). IF THE GOK PURCHASES THE VEHICLES FROM FMC, THIS TRAINING WILL START WITH THE DELIVERY OF THE FIRST 25 VEHICLES AND CONTINUE UNTIL APPROXIMATELY SIX MONTHS AFTER ALL VEHICLES HAVE BEEN DELIVERED. FMC TRAINING CONCEPT APPEARS TO BE EXCELLENT AND THE KAF REPS ARE SATISFIED. UNCLASSIFIED

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THEY HAVE INDICATED THAT IF THE VEHICLES ARE PURCHASED COMMERCIALLY, THE KAF WILL PURCHASE FMC TRAINING.

3. USLOK BELIEVES THAT THE FMC TRAINING PLAN WILL ADEQUATELY SUPPORT THE VEHICLES; HOWEVER, WE ARE NOT AS CONFIDENT ABOUT THE ADEQUACY OF TRAINING TO SUPPORT THE SIGNAL OR ARMAMENT EQUIPMENT. THE KAF REPS MENTIONED THAT THEY MIGHT ATTEMPT

TO GET JORDANIAN ASSISTANCE IN THESE AREAS--MAINLY BECAUSE OF THE LANGUAGE FACTOR. AS A RESULT, THEY HAVE NOT ASKED FOR USG SUPPORT IN THESE AREAS. IT APPEARS THAT THEY MAY BE WAITING FOR A REPLY TO REFTEL B BEFORE PROCEEDING ANY FURTHER. IF USG RESPONSE TO REFTEL B IS SATISFACTORY IN GOK VIEW, THEN THE ADDITIONAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS WILL BE ADDRESSED. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, IF THE GOK DECIDES TO PURCHASE THE VEHICLES COMMERCIALLY, THE BEST APPROACH (IF THEY WANT US TRAINING IN THE FOREMENTIONED AREAS) APPEARS LOCALLY TO BE SOME TYPE OF MTT.

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